

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 418, 2/16/2017; HB 421, 2/16/2017

HEARING ON HB 421

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 421, Ensure fire service training fees are deposited consistent with higher ed funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:42 Frieda Houser, Office of the Commission of Higher Education (OCHE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:00 Cindy Jorgenson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:31 Rep. Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:58 Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 418, Revise funding for career and vocational/technical education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:04 Scott Anderson, Billings Public Schools

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00:16:34 Kirk Woosley, Montana Technology Student Association (Montana TSA)

00:21:34 Tina Boone, Self

00:27:01 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:29:43 Cindy Galbavy, Self

00:31:42 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:34:41 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:37:57 Morgan Smith, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:38:31 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:15 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:41 Rep. Vinton

00:41:19 Scott Anderson, Billings Public Schools

00:42:26 Rep. Price joined the meeting

00:42:34 Rep. Staffanson

00:43:31 Rep. McCarthy

00:48:25	Rep. Staffanson
00:48:58	Rep. McCarthy
00:50:08	Chair Berglee
00:51:38	Rep. McCarthy
00:54:54	Chair Berglee
00:55:30	Rep. McCarthy
00:56:30	Ken Bailey, OPI
00:57:11	Rep. Anderson
00:58:54	Rep. Staffanson
00:59:56	Ken Bailey, OPI
01:00:38	Rep. Curtis
01:00:56	Rep. McCarthy
01:01:08	Rep. Curtis
01:02:10	Rep. McCarthy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:14	Rep. McCarthy
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:06:20

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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